(b) The quantity of jute purchased by the Jute Corporation of India during the corresponding period with State-wise break-up are as follows:—

(Figures in 000 bales of 180 kgs. Each)

State	1999-2000			1998-99			1997-98		
	Supp.	Comm.	Total	Supp.	Comm.	Total	Supp.	Comm.	Total
West Bengal	11.9	79.9	91.8	6.7	42.0	48.7	600.1	-	600.1
Bihar	5.4	[illegible]	13.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	133.5	-	133.5
Assam & Meghalaya	0.6	[illegible]	1.5	2.3	3.0	5.3	170.6	-	170.6
Orissa	0.[illegible]		0.4	-			21.9	-	21.9
Andhra Pradesh							53.5	-	53.5
Tripura							5.4	-	5.4
TOTAL	18.3	88.7	107.0	9.4	45.1	54.5	985.0	-	985.0

Financial Assistance to the Textile Industries in NER

458. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to State:

(a) The locations of Textile Industries in the States of North Eastern Region and the items produced by these Textile Industries as on the 31st March, 2000, and

(b) The details of plan to provide financial assistance to the Textile Industries of the said States to increase production of Textiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The annexed statement gives the location of Textile Industries in the states of the North East Region and the items produced by these Textile Industries as on the 31st March, 2000 (*See* below).

(b) No direct financial assistance is provided for the development of the Textile Industry in any State or area. The role of the Ministry is that of a facilitator, for which purpose schemes are formulated for the development of the Textile Industry. To improve the technology level of the Textile Industry and to make it internationally competitive, a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been launched for Textile and Jute Industries for five years from 1.4.1999. The scheme provides a reimbursement of 5% point on the interest charged by the lending agency on a project of technology upgradation in conformity with the scheme. Funds are also provided for the Powerloom Service Centres which extend skill development and testing facilities to assist the Powerloom industry.

Statement

The location-wise details of Textile Industries and items produced by these Textile Industries as on the 31st March, 2000 in the States of North Eastern Region are given below:

S.No.	Name and Address	Item of Production
1.	Assam Co-op. Spg. Mill, Poitamari, Bongaigaon, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
2.	Assam Polytex, Jaggi Road, Assam	Cotton, blended 100% non-cotton yarn
3.	Sahid Kusal Kanwar Sutkal Ltd., Golghat, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
4.	Assam, Syntex Ltd., Nathakuchi Tihu, Malbari, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
5.	Associated Industries (Assam), Kamrup, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
6.	Assam Polyester Coop. Society Ltd., Kamrup, Assam	Blended cloth
7.	Assam Cotton Mills, Sonitpur, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
8.	Assam State Textile Corporation Ltd., Bongaigaon, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
9.	Sahariya Textiles, Mangaldai, Darrang, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
10.	Assam State Wvg. & Mfg. Co., Herrapatti, Nagaon, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
11.	Assam State Textile Corporation No. 1, Zoo Road, Guwahati, Assam	Cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton yarn
12.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd., Dhaligaon, Bongaigaon, Assam	Polyster staple fibre
13.	Prog Bosimi Synthetics Ltd., Bijulibaei, Sipajhar, Darrang, Assam	Polyster filament yarn
14.	Manipur Spg. Mills Corporation Ltd., Loitanghkunou, Khuru Khul, Imphal, Manipur	Cotton blended, 100% non-cotton yarn

In addition, as on 30.06.2000, there were 261 powerloom units with an installed capacity of 2726 powerlooms.